

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The application has been reviewed as requested. Coupling capacitors 4, 5, etc. block DC and attenuate low frequency. The impedance of a capacitor increases with decreasing frequency. The reference to low pass is an obvious error.

The shorting of capacitor 4 (FIG. 1) is also corrected in the drawing. A replacement sheet of drawings is enclosed. A copy of FIG. 1 showing the change in red is also enclosed.

Claims 1–7 were rejected. Claims 1–7 are canceled and replaced by claims 8–14.

The Paul et al. patent discloses a full bridge but only a single voltage converter. The Roll et al. patent discloses only a half-bridge switching circuit. The Kimball patent, cited in the accompanying Disclosure Statement, discloses two inverters powering a single electroluminescent lamp. The inverters operate alternately and, therefore, operate quite differently from the circuit claimed. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8–14 fully distinguish over the prior art.

Statement under Rule 97(e)

With respect to the Kimball patent, no item of information contained in the disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

FEE CALCULATION

	AS AMENDED	PAID	EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	7	20	0	50	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	5	0	200	0
TOTAL FEE	\$ 0				

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8–14 are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1